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Applicant: Engelbart, et al.
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Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS ENABLING AUTOMATED
RETURN TO AND/OR REPAIR OF DEFECTS WITH A
MATERIAL PLACEMENT MACHINE
Attorney Docket: 7784-000624

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Art Unit</u>
10/068,735	February 6, 2002	
10/217,805	August 13, 2002	
US2002/0141632	October 3, 2002	
10/628,691	July 28, 2003	
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2.		4,548,859	10/22/1985	Kline et al		
3.		4,608,220	08/26/1986	Caldwell et al		
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5.		4,760,444	07/26/1988	Nielson et al.		
6.		4,790,898	12/13/1988	Woods		
7.		4,830,298	05/16/1989	Van Blunk		
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9..		5,058,497	10/22/1991	Bishop et al.		
10.		5,337,647	08/16/1994	Roberts et al		
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12.		5,450,147	09/12/1995	Dorsey-Palmateer		
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14.		5,651,600	07/29/1997	Dorsey-Palmateer		
15.		5,700,337	12/23/1997	Jacobs et al.		
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19.		5,963,660	10/05/1999	Koontz et al		
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22.		6,045,651	04/04/2000	Kline et al		
23.		6,074,716	06/13/2000	Tsotsis		

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25.		6,112,792	09/05/2000	Barr et al		
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27.		6,451,152	09/17/2002	Holmes et al		
28.		6,480,271	11/12/2002	Cloud et al		
29.		U.S. Patent Application S/N 10/068,735 entitled COMPOSITE MATERIAL COLLATION MACHINE AND ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR HIGH RATE COLLATION OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS	02/06/2002	Engelbart et al.		
30.		U.S. Patent Application S/N 10/217,805 entitled SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING DEFECTS IN A COMPOSITE STRUCTURE	08/13/2002	Engelbart et al.		
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32.		U.S. Patent Application S/N 10/628,691 entitled SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING FOREIGN OBJECTS AND DEBRIS (FOD) AND DEFECTS DURING FABRICATION OF A COMPOSITE STRUCTURE	07/28/2003	Engelbart, et al.		
33.		U.S. Patent Application S/N 10/664,148; entitled COMPOSITE MATERIAL COLLATION MACHINE AND ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR HIGH RATE COLLATION OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS; divisional application of 10/068,735	09/17/2003	Engelbart, et al.		

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34.		U.S. Patent Application S/N 10/726,099 entitled SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING DEFECT CHARACTERISTICS OF A COMPOSITE STRUCTURE	12/2/2003	Engelbart, et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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35.		Sharp et al.; <i>"Material Selection/Fabrication Issues for Thermoplastic Fiber Placement"</i> , Journal of Thermoplastic Composite Materials, Vol. 8; January, 1995, pg. 2-14

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